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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HICKMAN ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/625,300

FILED: JULY 24, 2000

FOR: AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT  
FILING SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE  
OF MANUFACTURE

EXAMINER: JONATHAN D. SCHLAIFER

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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application, filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ☐ Other

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- b. ☒ Enclosed Amendment and Response
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$929.00
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Extension of Time:

- ☒ Applicant requests a three month extension of time.

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$929.00 to cover the following fees:
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$395.00 (small entity).
- ☒ Three month extension of time \$490.00 (small entity).
- ☒ One extra independent claim \$44.00 (small entity).
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: November 3, 2004

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